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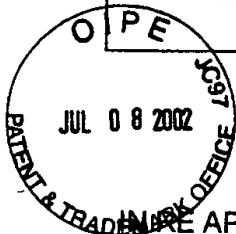
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Receipt of a copy of the International Search Report and the references cited therein was acknowledged by the USPTO in the NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495. Therefore, copies of these references are not required to be submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form.

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